

Subject : French Admiral De Suffren medal, 1784

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The  
Historical Society of Pennsylvania

1300 Locust Street,

Philadelphia, 27. IX. 1928.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Gillingham has advised me to inquire of you about a medal struck in France in 1784, in honor of Admiral de Suffren. According to the Biographie Universelle, it mentions the French protection of the Cape of Good Hope



on behalf of our  
informal allies,  
the Dutch; the  
capture of Trinco-  
malee, Ceylon;  
the deliverance  
of Cuddalore;  
the defense of  
India generally;  
and six glorious  
sea-fights. The  
States of Provence  
ordered the medal  
struck. <sup>(I give the English  
forms of the names)</sup>

Is there a copy  
of it in your  
collection?

Yours truly,  
A. J. Edmunds  
(cataloger).



29th September, 1928

Mr. A. J. Edmunds,  
The Historical Society of Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

Unfortunately we have not a copy of the Suffren medal concerning which you write. This can be easily procured for somewhat under a dollar from the French Mint, as they have the dies and make restrikes of nearly all their old medals. I am enclosing a rubbing from another medal showing his portrait. In case you want the description of the medal given by the States of Provence, I am herewith quoting it.

Very truly yours,

Curator

Medailles Francaises dont les Coins sont Conservees au Musee Monetaire. Paris, Imprimerie Nationale, M DCCC XCII.

43 (p.284)- Au bailli de Suffren.

P.AND.DE SUFFREN ST.TROPEZ CHEV DES ORD.DU ROI GR.CROIX DE L'ORD. DE ST. JEAN DE JERUS. VICE AMIRAL DE FRANCE.- Sous le buste: DUPRE F. (Oeuvre de Dupre).- Buste du baillu de Suffren, tete et col nus, coiffe a la mode de son temps.

R/- LE CAP PROTEGE TRINQUEMALE PRIS GOUDELOUR DELIVRE L'INDE DEFENDUE SIX COMBATS GLORIEUX LES ETATS DE PROVENCE ONT DECERNE CETTE MEDAILLE MDCCLXXXIV.- Inscription en neuf lignes au centre d'une couronne formee de deux branches de laurier nouees par un ruban a leur base et reunies au sommet par un petit ecusson ovale aux armes de Provence.

Module: 50 millimetres.